

REMARKS

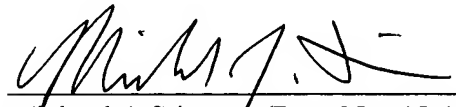
Applicants have amended claims 1, 14-17, 29-31, 33, 45-48, 54-57, 59-62, 67, and 73, and added new claims 74-108. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-108 are pending, with the independent claims being 1, 14-17, 29-31, 33, 45-48, 54-57, 59-62, 67, 73, 74, 84-88, 94-95, 97-100, and 104. The foregoing amendments were made to clarify the claims, but do not narrow the scope of the claims because they simply make inherent features of the claims explicit.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Michael Stimson at (949) 759-3961.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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